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WASHINGTON, June 9, 1983 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 4 totaled an estimated 14.3 billion ton-miles, 0.2 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Memorial Day holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 22 weeks of 1983 was an estimated 336.2 billion ton-miles, 4.7 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 4 totaled 325,358 cars, 0.7 percent below 1982, and 13.6 percent lower than the preceding non-holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 4.4 percent in the South, but down 2.8 in the East and 2.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1982, 13 of the 21 commodity groups were up. Nonmetallic minerals posted a gain of 44.9 percent, loadings of lumber and wood products increaded by 27.7 percent, and loadings of crushed stone gravel and sand were up 18.4 percent. All of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 28 totaled 46,514 cars, up 24.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1982, and 80,463 trailers and/or containers, 20.1 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 21 weeks of the year was 898,060 cars, 18.6 percent higher than last year, and 1,539,947 trailers and/or containers, up 14.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/4/83:

	Loadings in Week ended June 4, 1983		Change from Corresponding Week 1982			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	16,958	D	2,293	11.9	D	4,831	22.2
Other farm products	3,519	D	537	13.2	D	698	16.6
Metallic ores	18,634	D	2,062	10.0	D	2,364	11.3
Coal	91,224	D	10,322	10.2	D	13,313	12.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,710	I	1,510	18.4	D	1,324	12.0
Nonmetallic minerals	10,700	I	3,316	44.9	D	859	7.4
Grain mill products	10,290	I	120	1.2	D	1,552	13.1
Food and kindred products	9,890	D	1,738	14.9	D	1,919	16.3
Primary forest products	13,425	I	297	2.3	D	1,013	7.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,502	I	1,410	27.7	D	1,950	23.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	14,547	D	437	2.9	D	1,100	7.0
Chemicals and allied products	19,965	I	1,595	8.7	D	2,217	10.0
Petroleum products	4,110	I	172	4.4	D	623	13.2
Stone, clay and glass products	9,943	I	966	10.8	D	1,383	12.2
Coke	5,215	I	386	8.0	D	141	2.6
Metals and products	8,015	I	86	1.1	D	726	8.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	15,479	I	1,126	7.8	D	3,002	16.2
Waste and scrap materials	6,849	I	104	1.5	D	2,148	23.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	7,084	D	14	0.2	D	1,628	18.7
All other carloads	43,073	I	5,106	13.4	D	8,537	16.5
LCL traffic	226	D	1,055	82.4	D	72	24.2
Total Cars Loaded	325,358	D	2,264	0.7	D	51,400	13.6
Corresponding week of 1982	327,622						

	1983	1982	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (22 weeks)	7,683,673	8,331,918	D 7.8

Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):

21 weeks ended May 28	(Revised) 321.9	338.5	D 4.9
Week ended June 4	14.3	14.3	D 0.2
22 weeks cumulative	336.2	352.8	D 4.7

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